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SUBJECT: IEA: PREPARATIONS FOR CONSUMER/PRODUCER DIALOGUE AND
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

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1. EMBASSY CONVEYED SUBSTANCE REFTEL TO KEY SWISS OFFICIALS

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CONCERNED IEA (LEVY OF DIVISION OF COMMERCE AND ZWAHLN OF

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT). BOTH THOUGHT REITERATION USG POSITION RE PREPARATIONS FOR DIALOGUE HELPFUL AND TIMELY.

2. WITH REGARD CONDITIONS, SWISS SHARE U.S. SATISFACTION AT PROGRESS TOWARD ACHIEVING OECD FINANCIAL SOLIDARITY FUND AND ARE HOPEFUL THAT FURTHER FORWARD MOVEMENT WILL OCCUR AT CURRENT PARIS MEETING.

3. RE CONSERVATION, GOS SOURCES ADMIT THEY HAVE SOME PROBLEMS. SWISS PUBLIC SEEMS READY ACCEPT RESTRAINTS ON GASOLINE CONSUMPTION - ONE GROUP, FOR EXAMPLE, IS SEEKING 12 NO-DRIVING SUNDAYS PER YEAR. BUT STRONG OPPOSITION BASED INTER ALIA ON CONCERN RE INFLATIONARY IMPACT ALSO EXISTS TO INCREASE IN IMPORT DUTIES ON GASOLINE AND HEATING OIL WHICH ENTERED INTO EFFECT AUGUST 30, 1974. SWISS ELECTORATE WILL VOTE WHETHER RESCIND DUTY INCREASES IN JUNE REFERENDUM.

4. ON ALTERNATIVE SOURCES, SWISS WONDER WHETHER MUCH IS POSSIBLE AT THIS STAGE BEYOND FIRM BEST EFFORT AGREEMENT TO ACHIEVE DIVERSIFICATION. THEY HAVE NOTED SECRETARY KISSINGER'S LOS ANGELES REFERENCE TO "PRICE AND OTHER INCENTIVES" AND HAVE ALSO NOTED WITH INTEREST JANUARY 28 FINANCIAL TIMES ARTICLE ON POSSIBLE U.S. PROPOSAL FOR MINIMUM ENERGY FLOOR PRICE. SWISS WOULD WELCOME ANY FURTHER ADVANCE INDICATION USG VIEWS PRIOR NEXT WEEK'S IEA GB MEETING.

5. SWISS DEL TO GB MEETING WILL BE LARGER THAN USUAL AND WELL STAFFED, PARTICULARLY ON FINANCIAL SIDE. AMBASSADOR LANGUETIN WILL HEAD DEL ASSISTED BY LEVY AND MADORY, ALSO OF DIVISION OF COMMERCE, DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS; ZWAHLEN OF POLITICAL DEPARTMENT; KAESER OF SWISS NATIONAL BANK; AND PETER OR LEMPIN OF DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.
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